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PRODUCT FOR CONDUCTING BINGO  
GAMES WITH PRE-ASSIGNED BINGO  
CARDS AND PRE-MATCHED BINGO  
CARD SETS

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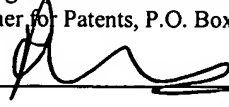
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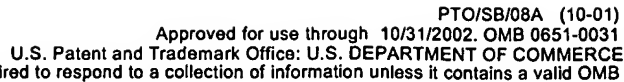
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